GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations leveled against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and three (3) other town planning officials of Srikakulam Municipal Corporation - Irregularities committed in approving the building plans without collecting the betterment charges and 10% open space charges from the applicants as per rules in Srikakulam Municipal Corporation - Departmental proceedings initiated - Enquiry conducted - Charges held 'not proved' against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (retired) and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then Town Planning Building Overseer (retired) – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 181 **Dated: 20-04-2021**

Read the following:

1) From the C&DMA., A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Roc.No.3656/2006-C1, dated.02.07.2007.
2) G.O.Rt.No.548, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.17.04.2009.
3) G.O.Rt.No.551, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.17.04.2009.
4) Written Statement of Defence of Sri S.Govinda Swamy, Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality.
5) G.O.Rt.No.944, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.03.10.2018.
6) G.O.Rt.No.945, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.03.10.2018.
7) Inquiry Report from Sri S.S.Varma, RDMA., & Inquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam, Letter Roc.No.205506/2018/A3, dt.04.05.2019 received through the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur, Letter Roc.No.3656/2006/C1, dated.09.05.2019.
8) Govt.Memo.No.13682/Vig.I/2007, dated.05.08.2019.
9) Written Representations of Sri S.Govinda Swamy, Municipal Commissioner (retired) and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, TPBO (retired).

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, based on the report of the Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Visakhapatnam in respect of the allegations leveled against the Municipal Commissioner and Town Planning Officials of Srikakulam Municipality regarding irregularities committed in approving the building plans without collecting the betterment charges and 10% open space charges from the applicants as per rules, the C&DMA., A.P., Hyderabad has recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the Municipal Commissioner and Town Planning Officials of Srikakulam Municipality.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd & 3rd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing the articles of charges against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then Town Planning Building Overseer and directed then to submit their written statement of defence thereon.

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3. Whereas, in the reference 4th read above, one of the charged officers Sri S.Govinda Swamy, Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality has submitted his written statement of defence and while denying the charges framed against him, he has requested to drop further action.

4. Whereas, Government having not convinced with the written statement of defence submitted by the charged officer, issued orders vide G.O. 5th read above, appointing Sri S.S.Varma, Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Visakhapatnam as an Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against all the four (4) charged officers including Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then M.C. (retired) and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired). In the G.O. 6th read above, the Assistant Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer on behalf of Disciplinary Authority.

5. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, Sri S.S.Varma, Regional Director cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Visakhapatnam has submitted his enquiry report stating that, all the three charges framed against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then M.C. (retired) and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired) were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

6. Whereas, Government have examined the Inquiry Report in detail and in the reference 8th read above, while communicating a copy of Inquiry Report to all the charged officers under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, the charged officers were directed to submit their written representations if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

7. In the references 9th read above, Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then M.C. (retired) and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired) have submitted their written explanations and requested to drop further action against them, as the charges framed against them were not held proved in the enquiry.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiry Officer, it has been to drop further action against Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (retired) and Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, since the charges framed against them were held 'not proved' in the enquiry.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against (1) Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (retired) and (2) Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired), Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, since the charges framed against them were held 'not proved' in the enquiry, conducted in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration / Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

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11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.Govinda Swamy, the then Municipal Commissioner (retired),
Srikakulam Municipal Corporation - **through** the C&DMA, A.P., Guntur.
Sri V.Uma Maheswara Rao, the then TPBO (retired),
Srikakulam Municipal Corporation - **through** the DTCP, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipal Corporation, Srikakulam District.
The Principal Accountant General (A&G), A.P., Vijayawada.
SF / SCs.

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SECTION OFFICER.